



NO OTHER gODS

— 30 Days of Worship —

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READ

Psalm 104

¹ *Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

*O Lord my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with splendor and
majesty,*

² *covering yourself with light as
with a garment, stretching out the
heavens like a tent.*

³ *He lays the beams of his chambers
on the waters;*

*he makes the clouds his chariot;
he rides on the wings of the wind;*

⁴ *he makes his messengers winds,
his ministers a flaming fire.*

⁵ *He set the earth on its foundations,
so that it should never be moved.*

⁶ *You covered it with the deep as
with a garment;
the waters stood above the
mountains.*

⁷ *At your rebuke they fled;
at the sound of your thunder they
took to flight.*

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¹⁹ He made the moon to mark the seasons;

the sun knows its time for setting.

²⁰ You make darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep about.

²¹ The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.

²² When the sun rises, they steal away and lie down in their dens.

²³ Man goes out to his work and to his labor until the evening.

²⁴ O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁷ These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

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REFLECT

Notice the way this Psalm begins: by stating that God is majestic; he created the world around us and continues to rule it perfectly. God's governance over creation is described in the rhythms of day and night, the change of seasons, and even in the way every creature goes about its routines.

Think of the power that it takes to set boundaries for the land and seas! Verse 7 reminds us of the authority with which Jesus spoke to the wind and waves when he was caught in a storm with his disciples. The entire Psalm highlights the sovereignty of God as Creator and Lord. We can rest securely in God's care.

In contrast, the gods of the heavens can drive us to seek control by way of our own routines. We can become so regimented and dependent on

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doing things a certain way or in a certain order, or in a certain timeframe, that we can tend to fall apart or panic if we are ever interrupted. If we can entrust the rising of the sun, the changing of the seasons, and the boundaries of the seas to the Lord, maybe we can trust him with our own need for routine as well.

RESPOND

Do you recognize any overt efforts to control the routines in your life? Does an interruption in your routine cause your day to feel completely derailed?

Renounce any worship of the heavenly gods that you may see in your heart, and quiet your soul as you determine to worship only the Lord God Almighty, our el Shaddai. Let the gaze of your spirit focus on the One who rules his

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creation with complete care and faithfulness.

For the next few minutes, watch the time-lapse video below that shows a forest change throughout the seasons.

<https://tinyurl.com/y2d5v7ql>

While you are listening to the music and watching the evidence (in high speed) of God's faithfulness, align your Spirit with the truths found in Psalm 104. Tell God as you watch seasons change, that he is trustworthy. His work takes time, and does not happen in high speed, but we can trust him to faithfully accomplish all the work that he begins.